REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	15 November 1996
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Suburb Murder
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Stated in English
Producer:	Not Stated in English
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Laser Disc
Country of Origin:	Not Stated in English
Language:	Cantonese with Chinese and English subtitles

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Suburb Murder	Running time:	79.38
Trailers:	Copyright Warning Notice	Running time:	0.58
	Mei Ah Laser Disc Co., Ltd. Notice		0.21
		Total Running time:	80.57

Excision/Alteration: No

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The laser disc entitled *Suburb Murder* contains a high level of violence throughout, and three lengthy scenes in which violence and beatings are accompanied by rape and sexual assault. These scenes form a significant focus for the publication. In all three rapes there is a focus on women's nudity, and in the final rape/murder in particular, brutal assault of the most extreme degree is presented in an eroticised manner. By including these depictions the publication tends to promote and support both the use of violence to force persons, in this case women, to submit to sexual activity, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. Accordingly, the Classification Office classifies *Suburb Murder* as:
Objectionable.

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